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TOPIC Military Information from Potsdam

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1. On 21 September 1950 houses No 5 through 7 on Helene-Lange-Strasse, Potsdam (N 53/Z 63), were occupied by 75 to 80 Soviet officers. An officer was on duty in the driveway to the houses.

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2. The Kavallerie Schule, Krampnitz, quartered about 4,000 Soviet troops. On 20 and 21 September 1950, Armored Forces Day, the cooperative store in the installation was issued 2,100 liters of brandy. The sales personnel said that 100 liters were to be sold and 2,000 liters were to be given away free at a rate of half a liter per capita. (1)

3. On 20 and 21 September 1950 the Panzer Kaserne on Seeburger Chaussee, corner of Gross Glienicker Strasse, in Gross Glienicke quartered about 2,000 troops of tank and artillery units. A thousand liters of brandy were issued to the troops in the installation on Armored Forces Day. (2)

4. the temporary barracks in Koenigswald had been disassembled and hauled away toward Doeberitz. However, a guard detail of 10 men who wore black-bordered red epaulets arrived in Koenigswald from the Garde Ulanen Kaserne every night. (3)

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5. On 15 September 1950, 9 officers and 60 MI with four 122-mm guns left the Delius Kaserne, going to Bornstedter Feld for aiming practice. On 16 September 1950, 13 officers and 60 MI were seen at infantry drill in the barracks yard. On 18 September 1950 two 122-mm guns with caterpillar tractors and a truck [redacted] carrying baggage left the Delius Kaserne. A Soviet driver said the artillery pieces went to Wildpark. (4)

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6. On 21 September 1950 two 122-mm guns from the Delius Kaserne were moved to Bornstedter Feld to be used for aiming practice. On 22 September 1950, 4 officers and 28 MI were seen at infantry training in the yard of the Delius Kaserne.
7. A bridge which had been constructed on Bornstedter Feld in March 1950, and of which sections had previously been removed, was completely disassembled by engineer troops from the Delius Kaserne on 13 September 1950. The bridge sections were shipped to the Potsdam freight station on trucks [redacted] (5)

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Comments.

- (1) The estimate of 4,000 troops in the Kavallerie Schule appears very high. Up to 2,500 troops were previously observed in the installation.

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- (2) The information on the number of troops in the Panzer Kaserne agrees with previous reports. [redacted] The installation is believed to quarter elements of the 10th Gds Tank Div.

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- (3) [redacted] planks were moved from Koenigswald to the Potsdam freight station between 12 and 15 September 1950. [redacted] The disassembly of the temporary barracks indicates that the units of the Engr Regt of the GOFG had been transferred from their previous billeting area in Koenigswald.

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- (4) [redacted]
- (5) The disassembly of the bridge on Bornstedter Feld was probably connected with the breaking up of the temporary barracks in Koenigswald. Prefabricated fixed bridging equipment with lattice trusses was not observed during World War II. The bridge may have been a duplication of German equipment. Even if the bridge were double-track, its width, indicated at 10 meters, would appear to wide. The short bridges of steel trestles of models M-2-P and MLP, which have so far been observed with Soviet engineer units, have no lattice trusses. For sketch of bridge see Annex 1.

Annex : 1 sketch on ditto

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